Senate Study Bill 1064 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE

ON JUDICIARY BILL BY

CHAIRPERSON ZAUN)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to operating-while-intoxicated offenses,
- 2 including temporary restricted licenses and ignition
- 3 interlock devices, providing penalties, making penalties
- 4 applicable, and including effective date and applicability
- 5 provisions.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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      Section 1. Section 321J.2, subsection 3, paragraph d, Code
 2 2023, is amended to read as follows:
         Revocation of the person's driver's license for a minimum
 4 period of one hundred eighty days up to a maximum revocation
 5 period of one year, pursuant to section 321J.4, subsection
 6 1, section 321J.9, or section 321J.12. The department shall
 7 require the defendant to install an ignition interlock device
 8 of a type approved by the commissioner of public safety on all
 9 vehicles operated by the defendant if the defendant seeks a
10 temporary restricted license as provided in section 321J.20 or
11 as a condition of reinstatement as provided in section 321J.17.
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      Sec. 2. Section 321J.4, subsections 1, 2, 3, and 4, Code
13 2023, are amended to read as follows:
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          If a defendant is convicted of a violation of section
15 321J.2 and the defendant's driver's license or nonresident
16 operating privilege has not been revoked under section 321J.9
17 or 321J.12 for the occurrence from which the arrest arose, the
18 department shall revoke the defendant's driver's license or
19 nonresident operating privilege for one hundred eighty days
20 if the defendant submitted to chemical testing and has had
21 no previous conviction or revocation under this chapter and
22 shall revoke the defendant's driver's license or nonresident
23 operating privilege for one year if the defendant refused to
24 submit to chemical testing and has had no previous conviction
25 or revocation under this chapter. The department shall require
26 the defendant to install an ignition interlock device of a type
27 approved by the commissioner of public safety on all vehicles
28 operated by the defendant if the defendant seeks a temporary
29 restricted license as provided in section 321J.20 or as a
30 condition of reinstatement as provided in section 321J.17.
          If a defendant is convicted of a violation of section
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32 321J.2, and the defendant's driver's license or nonresident
33 operating privilege has not already been revoked under section
34 321J.9 or 321J.12 for the occurrence from which the arrest
35 arose, the department shall revoke the defendant's driver's
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- 1 license or nonresident operating privilege for one year if the
- 2 defendant submitted to chemical testing and has had a previous
- 3 conviction or revocation under this chapter and shall revoke
- 4 the defendant's driver's license or nonresident operating
- 5 privilege for two years if the defendant refused to submit
- 6 to chemical testing and has had a previous revocation under
- 7 this chapter. The department shall require the defendant to
- 8 install an ignition interlock device of a type approved by the
- 9 commissioner of public safety on all vehicles owned or operated
- 10 by the defendant if the defendant seeks a temporary restricted
- 11 license as provided in section 321J.20 or as a condition of
- 12 reinstatement as provided in section 321J.17. A temporary
- 13 restricted license shall not be granted and a driver's license
- 14 shall not be reinstated by the department until the defendant
- 15 installs the ignition interlock device.
- 16 3. If the court defers judgment pursuant to section 907.3
- 17 for a violation of section 321J.2, and if the defendant's
- 18 driver's license or nonresident operating privilege has not
- 19 been revoked under section 321J.9 or 321J.12, or has not
- 20 otherwise been revoked for the occurrence from which the arrest
- 21 arose, the department shall revoke the defendant's driver's
- 22 license or nonresident operating privilege for a period of
- 23 not less than thirty days nor more than ninety days. The
- 24 department shall require the defendant to install an ignition
- 25 interlock device of a type approved by the commissioner of
- 26 public safety on all vehicles operated by the defendant if the
- 27 defendant seeks a temporary restricted license as provided in
- 28 section 321J.20 or as a condition of reinstatement as provided
- 29 in section 321J.17.
- 30 4. Upon a plea or verdict of guilty of a third or subsequent
- 31 violation of section 321J.2, the department shall revoke the
- 32 defendant's driver's license or nonresident operating privilege
- 33 for a period of six years. The department shall require the
- 34 defendant to install an ignition interlock device of a type
- 35 approved by the commissioner of public safety on all vehicles

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- 1 owned or operated by the defendant if the defendant seeks a
- 2 temporary restricted license as provided in section 321J.20 or
- 3 as a condition of reinstatement as provided in section 321J.17.
- 4 A temporary restricted license shall not be granted and a
- 5 driver's license shall not be reinstated by the department
- 6 until the defendant installs the ignition interlock device.
- 7 Sec. 3. Section 321J.4, subsection 8, paragraphs b and c,
- 8 Code 2023, are amended to read as follows:
- 9 b. The commissioner of public safety shall adopt rules to
- 10 approve certain ignition interlock devices and the. The rules
- 11 shall establish all of the following:
- 12 (1) The means of installation of the devices, and shall
- 13 establish the.
- 14 (2) The level of alcohol concentration beyond which an
- 15 ignition interlock device will not allow operation of the motor
- 16 vehicle in which it is installed.
- 17 (3) The camera and photograph requirements provided under
- 18 section 321J.20, subsection 7B.
- 19 c. The order to install ignition interlock devices shall
- 20 remain in effect for a period of time as determined by the
- 21 court which shall not exceed the maximum term of imprisonment
- 22 which the court could have imposed according to the nature of
- 23 the violation, unless otherwise extended under this chapter.
- 24 While the order is in effect, the defendant shall not operate
- 25 a motor vehicle which does not have an approved ignition
- 26 interlock device installed.
- 27 Sec. 4. Section 321J.9, subsection 2, Code 2023, is amended
- 28 to read as follows:
- 29 2. The department shall require the defendant to install
- 30 an ignition interlock device of a type approved by the
- 31 commissioner of public safety on all vehicles owned or
- 32 operated by the defendant if the defendant seeks a temporary
- 33 restricted license under section 321J.20 or as a condition of
- 34 reinstatement as provided in section 321J.17. However, if
- 35 the defendant has had no previous conviction or revocation

- 1 under this chapter, the department shall only require the
- 2 defendant to install an approved ignition interlock device on
- 3 all vehicles operated by the defendant if the defendant seeks
- 4 a temporary restricted license under section 321J.20 or as a
- 5 condition of reinstatement as provided in section 321J.17.
- 6 A temporary restricted license shall not be granted and a
- 7 driver's license shall not be reinstated by the department
- 8 until the defendant installs the ignition interlock device.
- 9 Sec. 5. Section 321J.12, subsection 2, Code 2023, is amended
- 10 to read as follows:
- 11 2. The department shall require the defendant to install
- 12 an ignition interlock device of a type approved by the
- 13 commissioner of public safety on all vehicles owned or
- 14 operated by the defendant if the defendant seeks a temporary
- 15 restricted license under section 321J.20 or as a condition of
- 16 reinstatement as provided in section 321J.17. However, if
- 17 the defendant has had no previous conviction or revocation
- 18 under this chapter, the department shall only require the
- 19 defendant to install an approved ignition interlock device on
- 20 all vehicles operated by the defendant if the defendant seeks
- 21 a temporary restricted license under section 321J.20 or as a
- 22 condition of reinstatement as provided in section 321J.17.
- 23 A temporary restricted license shall not be granted and a
- 24 driver's license shall not be reinstated by the department
- 25 until the defendant installs the ignition interlock device.
- Sec. 6. Section 321J.17, subsection 3, Code 2023, is amended
- 27 to read as follows:
- 28 3. a. The department shall also require certification of
- 29 installation of an ignition interlock device of a type approved
- 30 by the commissioner of public safety on all of the following
- 31 motor vehicles:
- 32 (1) All motor vehicles operated by a person seeking
- 33 reinstatement if the person has had no previous conviction or
- 34 revocation under this chapter.
- 35 (2) All motor vehicles owned or operated by any a person

- 1 seeking reinstatement following a second or subsequent
- 2 revocation under section 321J.4, 321J.9, or 321J.12 this
- 3 chapter. The
- 4 b. Unless otherwise extended under this chapter, the
- 5 requirement for the installation of an approved ignition
- 6 interlock device shall be for one year from the date of
- 7 reinstatement unless a longer time period is required by
- 8 statute. one of the following periods of time, as applicable:
- 9 (1) One hundred eighty days from the date of reinstatement
- 10 if the person is not subject to subparagraph (2).
- 11 (2) One year from the date of reinstatement if the person
- 12 has had a previous revocation under this chapter, or if the
- 13 person is seeking reinstatement following a revocation under
- 14 section 321J.4, subsection 5 or 6, regardless of whether the
- 15 person has had a previous revocation under this chapter.
- 16 c. The one-year period of time a person is required to
- 17 maintain an ignition interlock device under this subsection
- 18 shall be reduced by any period of time the person held a
- 19 valid temporary restricted license during the period of the
- 20 revocation for the occurrence from which the arrest arose. The
- 21 d. The period of time a person is required to maintain
- 22 an ignition interlock device under this subsection shall be
- 23 increased if required in accordance with the compliance-based
- 24 removal procedures provided in section 321J.17A.
- 25 e. A person shall not operate any motor vehicle which
- 26 is not equipped with an approved ignition interlock device
- 27 during the period in which an ignition interlock device must be
- 28 maintained, and the department shall not grant reinstatement
- 29 unless the person certifies installation of an ignition
- 30 interlock device as required in this subsection. In addition
- 31 to other penalties provided by law, the department shall revoke
- 32 the driver's license of a person who is required to maintain
- 33 an ignition interlock device if the person operates a motor
- 34 vehicle which does not have an approved ignition interlock
- 35 device or removes the ignition interlock device without

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1 authorization.

- 2 f. This subsection does not apply to a person who has had
- 3 no previous conviction or revocation under this chapter if
- 4 the person receives an exemption from the department because
- 5 the person does not own or have access to a motor vehicle.
- 6 The person shall file a declaration to that effect with the
- 7 department, on a form prescribed by the department, which must
- 8 be approved by the department prior to the exemption being
- 9 granted.
- 10 g. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
- 11 to implement this subsection.
- 12 Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 321J.17A Compliance-based removal.
- 13 l. If an ignition interlock device detects a violation by
- 14 a person during the ninety-day period immediately preceding
- 15 the date on which the period of time a person is required to
- 16 maintain an ignition interlock device under section 321J.17
- 17 ends, the period of time a person is required to maintain
- 18 an ignition interlock device under section 321J.17 shall be
- 19 extended until the person completes ninety consecutive days
- 20 without a violation detected by an ignition interlock device,
- 21 as determined by the department based on an approved ignition
- 22 interlock device provider's compliance report submitted in
- 23 accordance with this section. Nothing in this section shall
- 24 limit the number of subsequent extensions a person may receive
- 25 following a violation detected by an ignition interlock device.
- 26 2. a. An approved ignition interlock device provider shall
- 27 generate and submit a compliance report to the department for
- 28 each person who maintains an ignition interlock device of the
- 29 provider for purposes of meeting the requirements of section
- 30 321J.17. The compliance report must indicate every associated
- 31 motor vehicle and the associated ignition interlock device
- 32 installed on each motor vehicle. The compliance report must
- 33 include all of the following details, as applicable:
- 34 (1) If an ignition interlock device detected a violation,
- 35 the date and type of violation.

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- 1 (2) If an ignition interlock device detected no violations
- 2 during the ninety days immediately preceding the report, the
- 3 fact that no violations were detected.
- 4 b. An approved ignition interlock device provider shall
- 5 generate the compliance report and submit it to the department
- 6 no earlier than the date on which the period of time a person is
- 7 required to maintain an ignition interlock device under section
- 8 321J.17 ends, and no later than seven business days following
- 9 that date. The provider shall again generate and submit a
- 10 subsequent report to the department in this manner based on any
- 11 subsequent extensions as provided in this section, if any.
- 12 3. a. For purposes of this section, a violation includes
- 13 any of the following:
- 14 (1) Failing to provide a detectable breath sample to the
- 15 ignition interlock device when prompted by the device.
- 16 (2) Providing a breath sample to an ignition interlock
- 17 device with a level of alcohol concentration beyond which an
- 18 ignition interlock device will not allow operation of the motor
- 19 vehicle in which it is installed, pursuant to rules established
- 20 by the department of public safety under section 321J.4,
- 21 subsection 8.
- 22 (3) Removing without authorization, bypassing,
- 23 circumventing, or tampering with the ignition interlock device,
- 24 including any such attempt, detected by the device.
- 25 b. Notwithstanding paragraph "a", it is not a violation
- 26 under this section if a person provides a detectable breath
- 27 sample and successfully passes a test immediately following the
- 28 first failed test or in response to a bypass or circumvention
- 29 attempt as described in paragraph "a", and a violation shall not
- 30 be reported.
- 31 4. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
- 32 prescribing the form and manner of communication pursuant to
- 33 this section, and may otherwise adopt rules as necessary to
- 34 administer this section.
- 35 Sec. 8. Section 321J.20, subsections 2, 3, and 7, Code 2023,

1 are amended to read as follows:

- 2. A temporary restricted license issued under this section
- 3 shall not be issued until the applicant installs an approved
- 4 ignition interlock device on all motor vehicles owned or
- 5 operated by the applicant. However, if the applicant has
- 6 had no previous conviction or revocation under this chapter,
- 7 a temporary restricted license issued under this section
- 8 shall not be issued until the applicant installs an approved
- 9 ignition interlock device on all motor vehicles operated by
- 10 the applicant. Installation of an ignition interlock device
- 11 under this section shall be required for the period of time
- 12 for which the temporary restricted license is issued, and for
- 13 such additional period of time following reinstatement as
- 14 is required under section 321J.17, subsection 3. However,
- 15 a person whose driver's license or nonresident operating
- 16 privilege has been revoked under section 321J.21 may apply to
- 17 the department for a temporary restricted license without the
- 18 requirement of an ignition interlock device if at least twelve
- 19 years have elapsed since the end of the underlying revocation
- 20 period for a violation of section 321J.2.
- 21 3. In addition to other penalties provided by law, a
- 22 person's temporary restricted license shall be revoked if the
- 23 person is required to install an ignition interlock device and
- 24 the person does any of the following:
- 25 a. Operates operates a motor vehicle which does not have
- 26 an approved ignition interlock device or removes the ignition
- 27 interlock device without authorization.
- 28 b. Tampers with or circumvents an ignition interlock device.
- 7. A person who tampers with, removes without
- 30 authorization, or circumvents an ignition interlock device
- 31 installed as required in this chapter and while the requirement
- 32 for the ignition interlock device is in effect commits a
- 33 serious misdemeanor.
- 34 Sec. 9. Section 321J.20, Code 2023, is amended by adding the
- 35 following new subsections:

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- 1 NEW SUBSECTION. 7A. A person who holds a temporary
- 2 restricted license and who operates a motor vehicle without
- 3 an ignition interlock device installed commits one of the
- 4 following, as applicable:
- 5 a. For a first offense, a serious misdemeanor.
- 6 b. For a second offense, an aggravated misdemeanor.
- 7 c. For a third or subsequent offense, an aggravated
- 8 misdemeanor with a minimum period of imprisonment in the county
- 9 jail of forty-eight hours.
- 10 NEW SUBSECTION. 7B. An ignition interlock device shall
- 11 be equipped with a camera that is only capable of taking a
- 12 still image photograph when a breath sample is requested by the
- 13 device, when a breath sample is provided, and when a failure to
- 14 provide a breath sample occurs.
- 15 Sec. 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1, 16 2024.
- 17 Sec. 11. APPLICABILITY.
- 18 1. Except as provided in subsection 2, this Act applies to
- 19 driver's license revocations under chapter 321J, as amended in
- 20 this Act, for which the underlying offense occurred on or after
- 21 the effective date of this Act.
- 22 2. The portion of the section of this Act enacting section
- 23 321J.20, subsection 7B, applies to ignition interlock devices
- 24 installed on or after the effective date of this Act.
- 25 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 28 Under current law, a person whose driver's license is
- 29 revoked for operating while intoxicated (OWI) is required to
- 30 install an ignition interlock device (IID) prior to being
- 31 issued a temporary restricted license (TRL) by the department
- 32 of transportation (DOT). The IID must be installed on every
- 33 vehicle owned or operated by the person, or every vehicle
- 34 operated by the person if the person has had no previous
- 35 conviction or revocation under Code chapter 321J.

- 1 Current law also requires a person with a second or
- 2 subsequent driver's license revocation for OWI to install an
- 3 IID for a minimum of one year after reinstatement of a driver's
- 4 license other than a TRL. The one-year period may be offset by
- 5 any time a person had an IID installed on the person's vehicle
- 6 while operating with a TRL.
- 7 This bill expands that provision. After reinstatement of a
- 8 driver's license other than a TRL, a person with no previous
- 9 revocation under Code chapter 321J must maintain an IID for 180
- 10 days if the violation did not involve personal injury or death.
- 11 If it did, the person with no previous revocation under Code
- 12 chapter 321J is subject to the one-year IID requirement under
- 13 current law. The bill allows an exemption for persons who do
- 14 not own or have access to a motor vehicle.
- 15 These IID periods may be extended based on compliance-based
- 16 removal (CBR) provisions. If an IID detects a violation by a
- 17 person during the 90-day period immediately preceding the date
- 18 on which the period of time a person is required to maintain
- 19 an IID for driver's license reinstatement ends, the period of
- 20 time is extended until the person completes 90 consecutive days
- 21 without a violation, as determined by the DOT based on an IID
- 22 provider's compliance report submitted in accordance with the
- 23 bill. The IID provider must generate and submit the report to
- 24 the DOT no earlier than the date on which the period of time
- 25 a person is required to maintain an IID for driver's license
- 26 reinstatement ends, and no later than seven business days
- 27 following that date. The IID provider is required to generate
- 28 and submit a subsequent report to the DOT in this manner based
- 29 on any subsequent extensions, if any.
- 30 The bill does not limit the number of times an IID
- 31 requirement for driver's license reinstatement for a person may
- 32 be extended.
- 33 Under the bill, a violation includes failing to provide a
- 34 detectable breath sample when prompted by the IID, providing
- 35 a breath sample with a level of alcohol concentration beyond

- 1 which an IID will not allow operation of the motor vehicle, and
- 2 removing without authorization, bypassing, circumventing, or
- 3 tampering with the IID, including any such attempt, detected
- 4 by the device. However, it is not a violation under CBR if a
- 5 person provides a detectable breath sample and successfully
- 6 passes a test immediately following the first failed test or in
- 7 response to a bypass or circumvention attempt.
- 8 The bill adds a requirement that new IIDs contain a camera to
- 9 take still photographs in circumstances set forth in the bill.
- 10 The bill strikes a provision allowing a person whose
- 11 driver's license has been revoked under Code section 321J.21 to
- 12 apply to the DOT for a TRL without the requirement of an IID if
- 13 at least 12 years have elapsed since the end of the underlying
- 14 revocation period for a violation of Code section 321J.2.
- Under the bill, a person who removes an IID without
- 16 authorization commits a serious misdemeanor. A serious
- 17 misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more than one
- 18 year and a fine of at least \$430 but not more than \$2,560.
- 19 The bill creates a new criminal offense for a person who
- 20 has a TRL and who operates a motor vehicle without an IID
- 21 installed. The penalties range from a serious misdemeanor
- 22 (first offense) to an aggravated misdemeanor with a 48-hour
- 23 minimum term of imprisonment in a county jail (third or
- 24 subsequent offense). An aggravated misdemeanor is punishable
- 25 by confinement for no more than two years and a fine of at least
- 26 \$855 but not more than \$8,540.
- 27 The bill takes effect January 1, 2024, and sets forth
- 28 applicability provisions.